

Application No. 09/804,287
Amendment Dated September 23, 2005
Reply to Office Action of August 2, 2005

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. In that Action, claims 6-16, 21-26, 28, 29, and 35-39 were allowed. Also, claims 4, 5, 20, 32, and 33 were merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 1-3, 17-19, 30, 31, and 34 were rejected.

Claims 1 and 5:

The limitations of allowable claim 4 were added into base claim 1, together with the limitations of intervening claims 2 and 3. Therefore, claims 1 and 5 are allowable.

Claims 2-4 have been canceled.

Claim 17:

The limitations of allowable claim 20 were added into base claim 17, together with the limitations of intervening claims 18 and 19. Therefore, claim 17 is allowable.

Claims 18-20 have been canceled.

Claims 30, 33, and 34:

The limitations of allowable claim 32 were added into base claim 30, together with the limitations of intervening claim 31. Therefore, claims 30, 33, and 34 are allowable.

Claims 31 and 32 have been canceled.

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that all rejections over prior art references be withdrawn. It is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct and unobvious over the references of record.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, comments, and arguments presented, applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentably distinct and unobvious over the art of record.

Allowance of all pending claims and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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